

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A grip comprising:

a skin layer having a top surface, ~~and~~ a bottom surface, a first end, and a second end opposite said first end, wherein said top surface is continuous and flat from said first end to said second end;

a 4-way stretchable material layer with a stretchable top surface and a stretchable bottom surface wherein said 4-way stretchable material comprises polyester, said top surface of said stretchable layer adhered permanently to said bottom surface of said skin layer; and

a releasable adhesive disposed on said bottom surface of said 4-way stretchable layer.

12-22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) A grip comprising:

a skin layer having a top surface, ~~and~~ a bottom surface, a first end, and a second end opposite said first end, wherein said top surface is continuous and flat from said first end to said second end;

a backing layer having a top surface and a bottom surface, said top surface of said backing layer permanently adhered to said bottom surface of said skin layer;

a 4-way stretchable material layer with a stretchable top surface and a stretchable bottom surface and wherein said 4-way stretchable material comprises polyester, top surface of said stretchable layer adhered permanently to said bottom surface of said backing layer; and

a releasably attachable adhesive permanently disposed on said bottom surface of said stretchable layer.

24-33.(Canceled)

34. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a safety grip comprising:

providing a skin layer having a top surface for gripping, ~~and a bottom surface, a first end, and a second end opposite said first end, wherein said top surface is continuous and flat from said first end to said second end;~~

applying a permanent adhesive to said bottom surface of said skin layer;

providing a 4-way stretchable layer having a stretchable bottom surface and a stretchable top surface and wherein said 4-way stretchable material comprises polyester, said top surface of said stretchable layer being permanently affixed to said bottom surface of said skin layer by said second permanent adhesive; and

applying a releasable adhesive to said bottom surface of said stretchable layer for releasable adhesion to a hand support system.

35-45.(Canceled)

46. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a safety grip comprising:

providing a skin layer having a top surface for gripping, ~~and~~ a bottom surface, a first end, and a second end opposite said first end, wherein said top surface is continuous and flat from said first end to said second end;

applying a permanent adhesive to said bottom surface of said skin layer;

providing a backing layer having a backing layer top surface and a backing layer bottom surface, said top surface of said backing layer affixed to said bottom surface of said skin layer by said permanent adhesive;

applying a second permanent adhesive to said bottom surface of said backing layer;

providing a 4-way stretchable layer having a stretchable bottom surface and a stretchable top surface wherein said 4-way stretchable layer comprises polyester, said top surface of said stretchable layer being permanently affixed to said bottom surface of said backing layer by said second permanent adhesive; and

applying a releasable adhesive to said bottom surface of said stretchable layer for releasable adhesion to a hand support system.

47-56. (Canceled)

57. (Currently Amended) A system for providing a secure, safe, releasably attachable grip on a railing comprising:

a railing having a length and cross-sectional circumference;

a 4-way stretchable layer having a bottom surface and a top surface and wherein said 4-way stretchable layer comprises polyester, said bottom surface of said 4-way stretchable layer releasably adhered to said railing; and

a skin layer wrapped around said 4-way stretchable layer, said skin layer having a top surface, ~~and a bottom surface,~~ a first end, and a second end opposite said first end, said bottom surface of said skin layer permanently adhered to said top surface of said 4-way stretchable layer, wherein said top surface of said skin layer is continuous and flat from said first end to said second end.

58-68.(Canceled)

69. (Currently Amended) A system for providing a secure, safe, releasably attachable grip on a railing comprising:

a railing having a length and cross sectional circumference;

a 4-way stretchable layer having a bottom surface and a top surface and wherein said 4-way stretchable layer comprises polyester, said bottom surface of said 4-way stretchable layer releasably adhered to said railing;

a backing layer wrapped around said 4-way stretchable layer, said backing layer having a top surface and a bottom surface, said bottom surface of said backing layer permanently adhered to said top surface of said 4-way stretchable layer; and

a skin layer having a top surface, ~~and a bottom surface,~~ a first end, and a second end opposite said first end, said bottom surface of said skin layer permanently adhered to said top surface of said backing layer, wherein said top surface of said skin layer is continuous and flat from said first end to said second end.

70-73.(Canceled)

- 74. (Previously Presented) The grip of Claim 11, further comprising:
a luminescent presence in said skin layer.
- 75. (Previously Presented) The grip of Claim 23, further comprising:
a luminescent presence in said skin layer.
- 76. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 34, further comprising:
disposing a luminescent presence in said skin layer.
- 77. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 46, further comprising:
disposing a luminescent presence in said skin layer.
- 78. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 57, further comprising:
a luminescent presence in said skin layer.
- 79. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 69, further comprising:
a luminescent presence in said skin layer.